

REMARKS

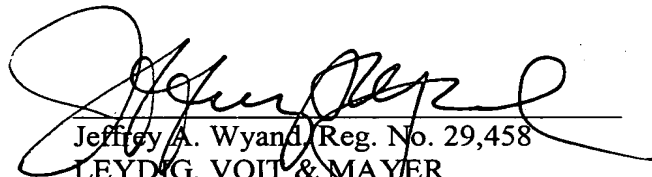
The foregoing Amendment corrects translational errors and conforms the claims to United States practice. No new matter is added.

The Examiner in the parent patent application requested that Figures 2-6B, 24, and 25 be designated as prior art. The requested action is taken with respect to Figures 5B, 6B, 24, and 25 as in the parent patent application.

In this Amendment, Figure 4 is amended to be consistent with the description of that figure appearing at page 8 in lines 22 and 23 and at page 14, lines 23 and 24. No new matter is added by this Amendment.

Prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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